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Dom Barrett pictured above
2013 PBA World Championship Winner

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Highlights for this edition will be the Strike, Spare Columns and Tenth Frame. The **Strike Column** analyzes the non-Majors Majors. The **Spare Column** recaps the PBA League Challenge. The **Tenth Frame** is an editorial about the State of Bowling. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

Messenger

TOC goes to Detroit, along with the PBA League

On December 20th, the PBA announced that the Tournament of Champions will be in Detroit instead of Indianapolis. The event is open to all PBA champions who have won a tournament on the PBA Regional Tour, the PBA50 Tour, the PBA50 Regional Tour and/or the International PBA Tour. Players will be bowling from January 18th to the 21st. All bowlers will bowl three blocks of 5 games with the top two thirds advancing to bowl another 10 games of qualifying. After a total of 25 games, the field will be cut to the top 24 to bowl 24 games of round robin match play. At the conclusion of 49 games of qualifying and match play, the top 5 will advance to the live stepladder finals on ESPN. Pete Weber will be defending his title. He was the first player to complete the Triple Crown twice with his win at last year's Tournament of Champions.

The PBA League will also be affected by the change with the 8 PBA League Teams going into an eight team single elimination bracket. These teams will still bowl singles, alternate shot doubles, trios, and team with the winner advancing to the next round. The top two teams will advance to the Elias Cup finals.

PBA League Schedule

Sunday, February 9th

PBA League Quarterfinals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Michigan at 3:00PM.

Sunday, February 16th

PBA League Quarterfinals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Michigan at 3:00PM.

Sunday, March 2nd

PBA League Quarterfinals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Michigan at 3:00PM.

Sunday, March 23rd

PBA League Quarterfinals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Michigan at 3:00PM.

Sunday, March 30th

PBA League Semifinals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Michigan at 4:30PM.

Sunday, April 6th

PBA League Semifinals, Thunderbowl Lanes Allen Park, Michigan at 1:00PM.

Sunday, April 13th

PBA League Elias Cup Finals, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, NJ at 2:00PM.

For more information log onto
www.pba.com.

2014 PBA Tournament of Champions

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.,
January 18-26th(EST)**

Friday, January 17th

1:30PM- Official Practice Session

Saturday, January 18th

11:00AM- 5 Qualifying Games

6:00PM- 5 Qualifying Games

Sunday, January 19th

11:00AM- 5 Qualifying Games with the top 2/3rds advancing

6:00PM- 5 more games of qualifying

Monday, January 20th

11:00AM- 5 Qualifying Games

Top 24 after 25 qualifying games advance to round robin match play.

6:00PM- Top 24, 8 games of match play

Tuesday, January 21st

11:00AM- Top 24, 8 games of round robin match play

6:00PM- Top 24, 8 games of round robin match play; top five after 49 games

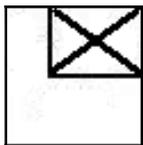
advance to ESPN stepladder finals

Sunday, January 26th

Noon- Top five, live ESPN stepladder finals

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Strike Column – The Non-Major Majors

The Non-Major Majors were a couple of tournaments that had a major format except they were not classified as majors. These tournaments had many games like a major tournament would. Both the Showboat Invitational and the Brunswick Memorial World Open had formats like The US Open and The PBA World Championship. Five bowlers have won both tournaments.

The Showboat Invitational was an open event where anybody could bowl. Invitational had a total of 56 games of qualifying and match play. Mark Roth was the last first bowler to win the Showboat twice. The last three years of this tournament was won by lefthanders. Two of those years were won by Parker Bohn III. Bowling fans could always expect high scores at this tournament.

Marshall Holman won his 2 and 3 years. He won his first one in 77' and his second in 79'. He was one year off winning the event three years in a row. His first time, he defeated Mark Roth by throwing the front nine in the championship game. Some of the other greats that have won include: Wayne Webb, Gary Dickinson, Dave Davis, and Johnny Petraglia. All of these bowlers have made it to the PBA Hall of Fame.

The Brunswick Memorial World Open invited some international bowlers to compete. Many of the greats of bowling have won this tournament. There have been only 5 bowlers to have won both tournaments. These bowlers are Wayne Webb, Mike Aulby, Dave Husted, Parker Bohn III, and Del Ballard Jr. Don Johnson became the first player to successfully defend the Brunswick Memorial World Open in 1972. Even though these tournaments are not majors, bowlers who have competed in them would say they felt like they bowled a major.

Winners of Both Tournaments

Wayne Webb

Del Ballard Jr.

Mike Aulby

Dave Husted

Parker Bohn III

Year	Showboat Invitational	Year	Brunswick Memorial World Open
1976	Wayne Zahn	1971	Don Johnson
1977	Mark Roth	1972	Don Johnson
1978	Bill Coleman	1973	Jim Goodman
1979	Emmett Shutes	1974	Johnny Petraglia
1980	Wayne Webb	1975	Dave Davis
1981	Mark Roth	1976	Gary Dickinson
1982	Jim Miller	1977	Marshall Holman
1983	Tom Milton	1978	Wayne Webb
1984	George Pappas	1979	Marshall Holman
1985	Pete Weber	1980	Not Contested
1986	Gary Skidmore	1981	Steve Martin
1987	Kent Wagner	1982	Steve Fehr
1988	Amleto Monacelli	1983	Wayne Webb
1989	Del Ballard Jr	1984	Mike Aulby
1990	Dave Husted	1985	Mike Aulby
1991	David Ozio	1986	George Branham III
1992	Harry Sullins	1987	Del Ballard Jr.
1993	Mike Aulby	1988	Mats Karlsson
1994	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	1989	Parker Bohn III
1995	Dave Husted	1990	Jimmy Johnson
1996	Walter Ray Williams Jr	1991	Jess Stayrock
1997	Parker Bohn III	1992	Jeff Lizzi
1998	Jason Couch	1993	Dave Husted
1999	Parker Bohn III	1994	Eric Forkel

Moments in History

Year in Review

2013 was a great year for me. I had the opportunity to write an article for *Bowlers Journal International*. They graciously allowed me to select a topic to write about. One of the players that was going to get inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame bowled in my Pro-Am 15 years ago—Doug Kent. I only thought it was appropriate to write an article about his career highlights.

I also was able to go to the Tournament of Champions. This was the 25th major tournament that I had attended.

A big thrill for me was to bowl in the TOC Pro-Am where I bowled alongside Doug Kent, Pete Weber, Scott Norton and Mike Devaney.

Another highlight for me was attending my second PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. I was fortunate to get a picture with Doug Kent and Danny Wiseman, the two 2013 Hall of



Fame inductees. This picture appeared on pba.com.

For the newsletter, I introduced a new column called "Off the Sheet". It is a column devoted to *Bowlers Journal International*. This is a summary of an article in *Bowlers Journal International* with my thoughts.

I also introduced the column "In the Pocket" which lists top 10 of great PBA / bowling moments.

If I may say so, I did very well in the International Bowling Media Association Amateur Writing Contest by capturing the top prize in both the Editorial and Newsletter divisions. I received third place in the Editorial Division as well.

I also wrote on a few amateur tournaments and published them on my web page.

I did my first Media Guide on the PBA Tour. It was a lot of fun—approximately 200 pages worth. I love my job!

All in all, it was a great year.

Breakpoint

Hotel Planner.com Sponsors Agreement

On December 20th, the PBA announced that HotelPlanner.com is going to be another sponsor on the PBA, PBA50, and the PBA Regional Tours. This will be the official traveling site of the PBA. HotelPlanner.com helps clients select the best deal on a room "by combining technology with a highly experienced staff of professionals." They are also affiliated with such major sports organizations as the NBA, MLB, NFL, NHL, PBR, and various colleges, companies and government agencies as a provider of reservation services for these groups.



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Off the Sheet

*This column is dedicated to the *Bowlers Journal International*. They just celebrated their 100-year anniversary this month. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.*

It's hard to imagine that there has only been three bowlers that have both Rookie and Player of the year honors on the PBA Tour. What is even harder to believe is not one of them is Pete Weber. On page 16 of last month's *Bowler's Journal International Almanac* this was the topic.

The first thing that Bob Johnson

PBA Players and Rookies of the Year

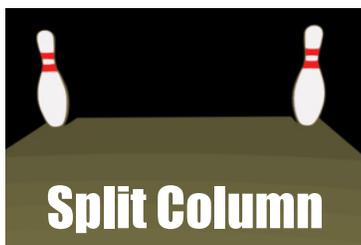
makes a reference to is the following - "It is possible that Pete Weber will go down in history as one of the ... greatest bowlers ever-without ever having been named PBA Player of the Year." The article shows the three players that have won both the Rookie and Player awards.

Twenty-six seasons into the PBA, Mike Aulby was the first bowler to accomplish this feat in 1985 after winning the Player of the Year that year. (He won Rookie of the Year in 1979.) Tommy Jones became the second player to receive both honors twenty-one years later; followed by Chris Barnes, who became the third player to receive both honors two seasons later.

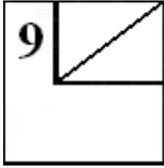
It also discusses all of the PBA Hall of Famers who have won the Player of the Year Award. Bob Johnson did an excellent job at some of the greatest of the PBA. Bowling fans can read this article to find out more information on page 16 in the December issue of the *Bowler Journal International*.



L to R: Mike Aulby, Tommy Jones, and Chris Barnes—the only bowlers to win both Player and Rookie of the Year.



Dick Weber, Johnny Petraglia, and Mark Roth are the only bowlers to win three consecutive PBA events.



Spare Column

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the PBA Central Region and other miscellaneous information about the PBA.

PBA League Challenge

The PBA League Challenge featured the eight franchise players from each of the PBA League Teams. Pete Weber being the WTT Kingpins. Norm Duke with the Dallas Strikers. Mike Fagan with the Motown Muscle. Bill O'Neill representing the Philadelphia Hitmen. Sean Rash with the Brooklyn STyLES. Osku Palmera with the Pittsburgh Jackrabbits. Every team was presented a new challenge each week. The winner would receive money for the charity of their choice. Week number one was the blind bowling each bowler had the ninth and tenth frame to get their final score. A curtain was blocking the pins. The pins and the arrows so the player could not see where the bowl was thrown at the arrow. They also could not see what they knocked down. Week number two was the time to strike. Each franchise player had 90 seconds to get as many strikes as they could. Week three was the obstacle course. They put toy bowling pins on the lane. The players had one shot inside and one shot outside. The third shot the competitors choose what shot the player would throw from. If they knocked the toy pins their shots would count as zero. Week four was the T.O. Challenge named after Terrell Owens would throw a shot, each of them would have to match what he did and not exceed or fall short of what points he scored. Before every week Terrell would draw the name of the franchise team player who take on a challenge.

Blind Bowling

Pete Weber of the WTT Kingpins went perfect in the blind bowling, scoring a 60 in the ninth & tenth frame. Norm Duke of the Dallas Strikers got a 49 for his score. This was good enough for second place. Sean Rash of the Brooklyn STyLES scored a 48. Chris Barnes and Jason Belmonte tied for fourth with a score of 40. Mike Fagan and Bill O'Neill tied for fifth with a score of 39. Finally rounding out the scores was Osku Palermaa at sixth place with a score of 38.

Overall Points

- 1st Weber & O'Neill 17.5
- 2nd Belmonte 16
- 3rd Barnes, Duke, and Rash 12
- 4th Fagan 9.5
- 5th Palermaa 3.5

Time to Strike

Bill O'Neill and Jason Belmonte tied with five strikes. Belmonte had six strikes except it did not count because the sixth strike was after the time ran out. Between O'Neil and Belmonte they had a sudden death roll off after tying the first ball with a score of 7. O'Neil won the second ball with a 9. The rest of the field came in with following places and scores. Barnes and Fagan in third with four strikes. Rash in fifth with three strikes.

Overall Points

No Change in Standing

Obstacle Course

Sean Rash of the Brooklyn STyLES and Osku Palmeraa tied with a score of 28. Rash won the roll off against Palmerra 9 to 6. Bill O Neil and Chris Barnes also tied with a score of 27. Jason Belmonte came in fifth with a score of 26. Norm Duke of the Dallas Strikers finished in sixth palce with a score of 25. The Motown's Muscle Mike Fagan came in second to last place with a score of 19. While Pete Weber of the WTT Kingpins rounded out the field with a last place finish of 16 strikes.

Overall Points

- 1st Sean Rash 27
- 2nd Bill O'Neill 24.5
- 3rd Jason Belmonte 20
- 4th Chris Barnes 19
- 5th Pete Weber 18.5
- 6th Norm Duke 15
- 7th Osku Palermaa 14.5; 8th place Mike Fagan 11.5

T.O. Challenge

Jason Belmonte struck to match what Terrell did in the opening round. This gave Belmonte the lead and win in the PBA League challenge. T.O. threw a strike for Pete Weber to match. If Weber had struck it would have made Belmonte bowl extra to win the PBA League challenge. Except Weber threw a great shot but unfortunately left the 7 pin standing. Jason Belmonte of the L.A. X. came in first with 15 points. Chris Barnes of the Atom Splitters trailed to second with 11 points. Third place was crowded with a three way tie between Osku Palmeraa, Mike Fagan, and Pete Weber at 6 points. The fourth place standing was jointly held by Norm Duke and Sean Rash with 2 and half points each.

Final Standings

With Belmonte winning the T.O. Challenge this propelled him to first place with 35 points. The Chris Paul Foundation received the charitable winnings for Belmonte's efforts.

Overall Points after four events

1. Jason Belmonte, L.A. X., 35 points
2. Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, 30.
3. Sean Rash, Brooklyn STyLES, 29.5
4. Mike Fagan, Motown Muscle, 27.5
5. Bill O'Neill, Philadelphia Hitmen, 25.5
6. Pete Weber, New York City WTT KingPins, 24.5
7. Osku Palermaa, Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits, 20.5 points
8. Norm Duke, Dallas Strikers, 17.5

Messenger Continued-Barrett wins his first career major

Dom Barrett led the qualifying by 209 pins over Wes Malott. Jason Belmont was in fourth with a score of +789 through 28 games of qualifying. Tom Smallwood was in the fifth spot with a score of +774. Mika Koivuniemi was trying to become the seventh player to complete the Triple Crown. It took a score of +598 by Tom Larson to make the top 24. Other bowler who cashed were defending champion Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Chris Barnes, and Norm Duke.

In the first round of match play, Pete Weber had only one loss while winning seven games. Sean Rash was undefeated, going 8-0. Rash gained on leader Barrett, trailing by only 48 pins after the first round. E.J. Tackett climbed up to fourth place.

In the second round, Tom Baker threw a perfect game. Weber went 2-6, but was still able to give himself a shot. Dom Barrett still led by 99 pins over Rash. Smallwood was in fifth with one round to go. Koivuniemi still had an outside chance at the Triple Crown in the eighth spot, outside fifth by 79 pins.

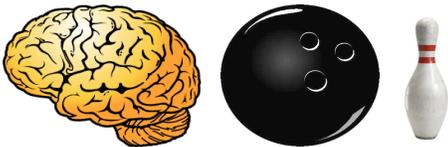
The final round of match play saw Belmonte start out with a couple 170 games and he could not fight back to get into the show. Baker just missed the top five by 27 pins. Pete Weber went 5-3, narrowly grabbing the last spot. Barrett held on to the lead by 169 pins. Koivuniemi ended up in ninth place.

In the show, Weber started out very strong, having the front five in both of the matches he won. He was looking to earn his first Player of the Year honor, except Rash stopped him in the semi-finals after Weber won 258-237 and 258-246. Rash defeated Weber 279-249. In the championship match, it was much closer, as the final score was 238-235. This was Barrett's second career PBA title, and his first career major.

TOURNAMENT STATS	
28Game Cash Bowler +/-	+423 Manuel Otalora
28 Game Cut Bowler+/-	+598 Thomas Larsen
28 Game Leader +/-	+1055 Dom Barrett
52 Game Cut Bowler+/-	+ 1843 Pete Weber
52 Game Leader +/-	+ 2313 Dom Barrett
300 Games: (1) Tom Baker	

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND STATS	
High Game: 279 (Sean Rash)	
Low Game: 235 (Sean Rash)	
High Match: 279-249 (Rash/Weber)	
Low Match: 238-235 (Barrett/Rash)	
Average Winning Game: 258.25	

1. Dom Barrett - 238	Dom Barrett
2. Sean Rash - 279	Sean Rash - 235 Champion
3. Mike Fagan - 246	Pete Weber - 249
4. Tom Smallwood - 237	Pete Weber - 258
5. Pete Weber - 258	



BOWLOLOGY

In this section, a topic will be picked based on the bowling knowledge of Josh Hyde.

Lane Conditions

Lane conditions are to bowling what the rough, bunkers, trees, and lakes are to golf. However, the bowler can not see these obstacles. He or she is going to have to throw the ball to be able to figure out where these hazardous conditions exist. In the past, I have discussed lane topography, oil absorption, lane breakdown, and reading lane graphs.

Lane topography can affect the lane conditions due to depressions and crowns. These can make the lanes seem tighter or dryer. No two lanes are the same, especially when they "look" the same - never believe that to be true. The bowler can not see, using the naked eye, the differences between lane topographies.

Oil absorption is making the lane dryer. The ball is literally taking oil off of the lane. This can definitely make the lane conditions dryer compared to a freshly oiled lane. In other words, it is like a paper towel absorbing water off of a countertop.

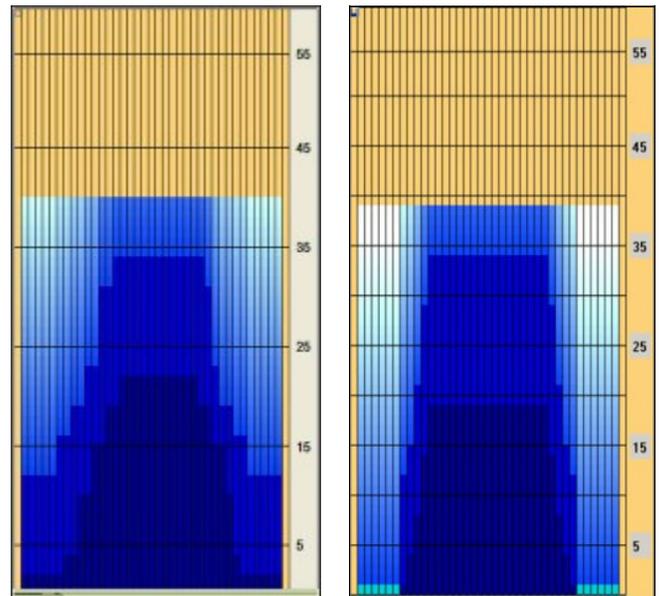
Lane breakdown is how the oil is distributed over the course of a block in a league or tournament. This can definitely affect the lane conditions— a night and day difference. The breakdown can positively influence a bowler's score over a period of time, but like every coin it has another side. The negative side effects can leave bowlers with some of the lowest scores of their bowling career.

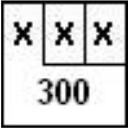
Reading a lane graph can help a bowler better understand the lane they are bowling on. This skill is definitely a big advantage for a bowler to have against his or her competition. A lane graph can help a bowler be able to

tell where the oil is on the lane.

With all this knowledge, a bowler is better equipped to compete on any kind of lane condition that he or she runs up against. This is how lane conditions affect the bowler.

Below: These are 2 lane conditions that are different. On the left, is the U.S. Open lane condition; on the right, is the House lane condition.





State of Bowling

On January 24th, 2014 at 7:00pm Tom Clark from PBA and the USBC president Andrew Cain are going to be giving a state of bowling address . This will be my editorial and idea of where bowling is right now.

14 years ago Chris Peters, Mike Slade, and Rob Glaser bought the PBA. Bowlers like myself included thought that this might be what bowling needed. The bowling community was thrilled to see the expansion of prize funds and tournaments.

Chris Peters hired two business men from the Nike corporation, Ian Hamilton and Steve Miller, to help logistics. These men knew what it took to make sports better. Besides they had already had worked for the world's largest athletic shoe company, this was a new beginning for the PBA. They start with getting bowling a column in USA Today by Tom Clark. This was a very promising development for the PBA.

At the end of last month the PBA announced that The Tournament of Champions was being moved for Indianapolis, Indiana to Detroit, Michigan. Bowling is in trouble again and the one thing that they were troubled with the most was emulating with other sports, and as usual the other sports were willing to do anything but. When bowling was in its hay day there were as many as ten million league bowlers. The PBA were going to different cities and bowling at least 42 games a

week to get to the show television show. These are some of the things that were going right for bowling when it was in its prime. I am hoping that the town hall meeting can do some good . It is time to speak up and say what we want. I really think that bowling needs to get back on live television. One solution is that when we have bowlers pay their USBC membership fee that they offer a \$1.00 donation to help the PBA and USBC. This would only be a donation. It is not a mandatory fee. Even if only 25% donate then the USBC still raises about half a million dollars.

It will be very interesting

to hear what Tom and Andrew say about their plans to work on the PBA. There has been talk about the PBA league teams putting up \$25,000 for each for a sponsorship fee, except it cost the individual bowling ball companies \$100,000 each just to have their bowling balls used in tournaments. What would the sponsors tremendously would be if bowlers supported the sponsors that the PBA has. Something needs to happen to this sport we love or else it could be lost to our future generations to come.

Thanks for reading this addition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



The Bowling Center

The Bowling Center is a sports center for bowling. These episodes include highlights from the 5th WSOB televised finals. They also include a segment called the "Drill Room", where the hosts of the show, Jeff Goodger and Jason Thomas, drill a ball which a sponsor gives them. They lay out the ball that they were given and drill it for the match that they bowl. Jeff gets some handicap; he has been able to defeat Jason each and every week so far. Mike J. Laneside hosts "Beers with Bowlers" where he interviews a pro-bowler and has a beer with them. He has had interviews with Jason Couch, Tom Clark, Stuart Williams, and Patrick Allen. Their show also previews the upcoming show from the World Series of Bowling. There is also a segment called "Troll Bowling", this segment talks about the social media aspect of bowling. For bowling fans, it is a must see show to get all the latest bowling news.

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